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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Statistics of plague in California.

Total cases of plague at San Francisco verified bacteriologically to May 2, 121; total cases verified clinically, 38; total deaths, 77. The last case at San Francisco was taken sick January 30 and confirmed by bacteriological examination as plague February 8, 1908. Date of finding of last infected rat, May 1.

The last case at Oakland, Cal., died December 22, 1907. The last plague-infected rats at Oakland were found during the week ended April 11, 1908. The only case at Berkeley, Cal., died September 1, 1907. The only case at Point Richmond, Cal., was taken sick November 27, 1907, and recovered.

Report from San Francisco, Cal.—Plague-prevention work.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports, May 4:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Week ended May 2.

Sick inspected.....	32
Dead inspected.....	149
Necropsies held.....	3
Premises inspected.....	20,907
Houses disinfected.....	236
Houses destroyed.....	18
Buildings condemned.....	12
Nuisances abated.....	3,983
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Rats found dead.....	691
Rats trapped.....	4,063
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Total rats taken.....	4,754
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Rats identified:	
Mus decumanus.....	3,610
Mus musculus.....	572
Mus rattus.....	55
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Total.....	4,237
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Bounty rats received.....	2,518
Poisons placed.....	190,104
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	2,952
Rats infected with bacillus pestis.....	16